

THE LEGISLATURE.

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Messrs. Dockery and Lusk spoke forcefully in support of 20 cents. Mr. Sutton withdrew his amendment of 18 cents.

Mr. Hauser offered an amendment making the tax for schools 18 cents. Mr. Lusk ridiculed this.

Only Hauser voted for the amendment. Mr. Alexander, of Tyrrell, offered an amendment making the general tax 21 2-3 cents. It was accepted by Mr. Johnson.

The taxes finally as fixed are: On polls \$1.55, general 21 2-3 cents, pensions 3 1-2 cents, schools 20 cents. Section 5 was adopted, making the tax on gross profits and incomes not taxed, 5 per cent; on gross income derived from salaries and fees, public or private, 1/2 per cent, on excess over \$1,000, and on gross income from other sources 1/4 of 1 per cent.

Section 6 was also adopted, repealing any limitation of or exemption from taxation.

The committee of the whole rose at noon and the house took up as a special order the bill to give the people of Halifax county time before the act allowing cattle to run at large three months in the year goes into effect.

Mr. Hancock said: "We will kill that bill."

Mr. Johnston said the people of Halifax had been waiting for action on this supplemental bill.

Mr. McKenzie said the farmers of Halifax were up in arms about the bill which had passed; that Halifax people were here; that 10,000 acres of state farm lands were in Halifax. Mr. Lusk said he understood the matter in dispute was under some way of adjustment.

Mr. Hancock moved to postpone consideration until tomorrow.

Mr. Johnson said he opposed postponement. The house decided to postpone. All the democrats and populists voted no.

The house again went into committee of the whole on the revenue bill. Section 19 was amended by adding: "All persons or firms who keep either private or auction stables shall pay an annual tax of \$25 to the state and \$10 to the county."

The liquor dealers tax is 2 per cent, on total purchases, in addition to an ad valorem tax.

Section 23 was amended, on motion of Mr. Hancock, so as to make the license tax of drugs and selling spirituous, vinous or malt liquors \$25, instead of \$50.

Section 25, imposing a license tax of \$350 on each manufacturer who engages in the business of selling sewing machines, was discussed at some length.

Mr. Brown moved to strike out the provision making the penalty for the violation of the law by the officer making the arrest. The motion prevailed. It was amended so \$10 goes to the officer and \$190 to the state.

Taxes on bank stock are to be paid by the cashier directly to the state treasurer.

Commission merchants, brokers and dealers are taxed 1 per cent, on commissions.

The tax on dealers in cigars or cheroots 5 cents per 1,000, manufactured tobacco 1/2 cent per pound, cigarettes 15 cents per 1,000, this not to apply to manufacturers, and no county or town can tax such dealers.

The merchants purchase tax 2-10 of 1 per cent.

NIGHT SESSION.

The house met at 7:30 o'clock. Bills passed as follows:

To incorporate the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias.

To provide for working delinquent tax payers on the roads of Lenoir county.

To incorporate Dudley, Wayne county.

To allow Beaufort county to levy a tax and issue bonds to make the tax.

To incorporate Mountain Retreat Association, among whose members are Rev. A. C. Dixon, to establish a town in the mountain section for the encouragement of christian work and living.

To repeal the charter of the Jamesville and Washington railway.

To levy and collect stock law taxes in Lenoir county.

A motion was made by Mr. Sutton, of New Hanover, to take up the bill to amend the charter of the Wilmington railway. The motion prevailed.

Mr. Johnson demanded the yeas and nays on the passage of the bill.

Messrs. Hancock and Sutton conferred, and Mr. Sutton went to the speaker's desk and said a few words. Then he took the floor and said: "If the bill can be found, and as business is being done, I am willing to let the matter go over."

A few minutes later the bill was called up and passed its second reading. It was put on its third reading.

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The bill, introduced by Mr. Parker, of Wayne, to prevent minors from entering and loitering in bar rooms, billiard rooms and bowling alleys passed.

The owner of such places is made guilty of a misdemeanor if, after notice by parent or guardian, he allows the minor to enter it, the penalty being \$50. Only two votes were cast against the bill.

He Blames Society for Being a Thief

Atlanta, February 24.—Otis Smith, cashier of the Georgia Security and Banking Company, who is in jail for embezzling \$10,000, says his effort to keep up the rate of a swell in society here caused him to go wrong. Talking in his cell today to a reporter he said: "I did not at first intend to defraud any one. I was in the swim and it took cash to keep in the tide. I do not like to arraign society, but I am forced to talk about it when I discuss the real cause of my downfall. I have been asked why I did not go along and do the best I could on my legitimate income, which was about \$1,200 a year. But it takes money to hold a place in society. If you do not put up the stuff you are not appreciated, so long as you pay for the fun you are a king bee, but the moment you do not get in the push with the cash you are nobody. I was in the push and I had to get money to hold my own. It took money to pay for the theatre parties, dinners, suppers, showers and other presents, and I was like the fellow who had hold of a galvanic battery; I could not let it go. After once started I had to keep it up or I was lost. There is nothing real or tangible in this society business," he continued. "There is no genuine friendship. You are appreciated for what you do in the way of entertaining and giving pleasure. The fellow who comes to the front is the most in the way of giving the girls a nice time is the biggest man in the ring. Let him slack up and he is soon in the background, but, as I said, I have an arraignment to make of Atlanta society. I paid my way and it gave me the best it had."

PARTY CAUCUSES.

Friends of the Lease Bill in the Senate in Conference—Report of Joint Committee on Education—Russell's Efforts to Settle the Judgeship Squabble. (Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., February 25.—The special committee of the senate on the lease memorial and bill met this evening and unanimously signed a report exonerating the board of directors of the North Carolina railway from any and all charges which were made regarding their action in leasing the road to the Southern. The committee then took up Senator Grant's substitute lease bill. Four of the six committee members voted to report it favorably tomorrow morning, and two others asked to be allowed until that time to make up their minds.

It is stated tonight that seven populist senators will vote for the substitute bill of Senator Grant regarding the lease of the North Carolina railway. Governor Russell requested the populist majority caucus to confer with him tonight and this was agreed to. The conference was on the lease matter.

The joint committee on education this evening decided to favorably report a bill giving the seven colored state normal schools \$4,000 more annually, also a bill to give \$100,000 additional to the public schools, this to go to townships which by local taxation raise an amount equal to the amount the state allows. The committee reports \$195,000 on hand of the educational fund, of which \$30,000 is cash and \$165,000 bonds.

Governor Russell is reported to be endeavoring to induce Representative Sutton of Cumberland to be railway commissioner, so he can appoint Walter Henry judge.

This evening caucus met at 8 o'clock. It was really a senate caucus of advocates of the lease bill and Senator Moyer of Pitt, says it was attended by all the bolters, all straight populists, save Maxwell, who is out of the city, and by three republicans, Senators Sharp of Iredell, Sharp of Wilson, and Hyatt. Senator Moyer tells me Governor Russell was not present, but that Judge Avery was and spoke an hour.

The bill which passed the house passed the senate, and attacked Grant's bill, which he read, saying it was a bad one; that it was intended to cause delay and confusion, and contained a bad provision, providing for ratification by the legislature, as the latter might decline to ratify. Senator Moyer tells me twenty-five senators were present. He said nobody was pledged as to vote tomorrow. The plan of fight in the senate was decided and it was decided to make it a fight to the finish. He says if all stick the house bill will pass. It is difficult to guess what the result will be tomorrow. Senator Moyer spoke if uncertain. He said they had expected twenty-seven votes. Henderson, a republican, who is against the house bill is sick.

The republicans were in caucus until 12:15 o'clock. A proposition for re-distributing the state was submitted, but was not acted on, but was referred to a committee. Nothing is definitely settled. A committee from the populist bolters came over and met a republican committee. The matter of selection of a railway commissioner was deferred until tomorrow night and, so was the railway lease matter.

Governor Russell said tonight of Grant's substitute: "It simply gives the North Carolina railway to the Southern on its own terms. It puts the latter in a more profitable position than it was in before the legislature met. It drives the state out of its own courts, confirms and ratifies the lease of thirty-six years, and puts people in shackles so they are to be prostrate and gagged without even a voice of protest against the spoliation of the state. It is an attempt to legalize the larceny of the people's property and to strike them down; they cannot be heard to complain. I suppose they are expected to be thankful and duly grateful to the money kings for allowing them to keep the old city building with an empty treasury. Every senator who wants to protect his state and save the people from this monstrous iniquity should vote down every amendment and pass the bill which has been prepared by competent lawyers."

A Railway Sensation.

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London, February 27.—The popular scare over the dangers of the compartment system of railway travel here, a scare which had its origin in the recent mysterious murder of Miss Camp, has been increased this week by two or three fresh outrages. A woman has been the victim in each case, but fortunately the culprits have been arrested. The panic among women travelers is leading to many absurd and ludicrous incidents. One thoughtless individual who found himself alone with a young woman on a Southern railway, wrote a letter saying that they are in communication with the railways, on the subject, but no plan which would meet general acceptance has been devised. It is seen above that the American can readers that the board's reflection is that "the question is one of much difficulty and it will continue to receive the best attention of this department."

The honest fact is that it is simply a matter of expense. Calls of the American pattern weigh for weight will carry less than half the number of passengers conveyed by the little boxes used on the English railways.

England is the last place in which one would expect to find any criticism of the United States for failure to protect its citizens in Cuba, and yet even the London Times comments on the weakness of the American government in this respect. The Havana correspondent of that journal cables:

"There is much comment by all classes on the fact that the United States government makes no strong effort to secure protection for the lives and property of American citizens."

This and other independent testimony to the weakness of the American attitude in the face of gross outrages is arousing deep feeling among the Americans in Havana.

His Friends in Havana

Atlanta, Ga., February 27.—Otis Smith's friends paid the amount of his shortage to the Georgia Security and Banking Company today and he was released from jail. He went direct to the Union station and took the train for New Orleans, Smith said that he was going west.

AN ATTACK ON CAPITAL.

HOW THE "STAMP ACT" CLAUSE GOT INTO THE REVENUE BILL.

The Populist Organ Disgusted With Its Legislature—It Says None but Pleb Vendors Need Knock at Its Doors—An Issue Between Senators Grant and McCaskey and the Governor—The Populists' Point of View—Question Put to Russell—Indignation at Passage of the Newbern Charter Bill. Lobbying Against Dispensary Bills.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., February 24.

The leading editorial in Senator Butler's paper today has this heading: "Capital, a Sneak and a Liar." It is written by the state auditor, who in it says he called the special attention of the joint finance committee of the legislature to a plan to secure revenue from hidden wealth, this being that every note, bond or mortgage representing a solvent credit should show that it had been listed for taxation by some certificate and if it did not show such evidence it should be non-collectable by law. And so this extraordinary section appears in the "machinery act" introduced last night by the committee. The chairman of the house branch says plainly that the committee ordered this part stricken out, yet there it is in the act. The editorial in Senator Butler's paper concludes:

"Capital is an arrant liar, and never tells the truth and appoints the men named. In order to bring the truth from capital it must be made to show some evidence of its statements. Truth must be forced out of it and hence we favor the above suggested plan."

The same paper says that "unless in ten days there is an almost miraculous change, the record of this legislature will be nothing—absolutely nothing—and it will be the pleasure of the bolters to appoint the men named. It is almost impossible to get the attention of committees to anything which does not carry some job with it. The committees are either generally indifferent or hope for a bribe."

There is now a square issue between Senators Grant, republican, and McCaskey, populist, and Governor Russell. They say he agreed to stand by the action of the republicans and bolter caucus and appoint the men named. The governor, the republicans and bolters say, "is trying to play the boss, but can't boss anybody and is a governor without a party unless it be the boss of the legislature."

But the bolters and republicans make declarations openly made today. Senator Grant used the latter part of the phrase himself; and this shows how widely apart he and the governor have drifted. Grant holds that as a point of honor the republicans must stand by their conference committee. Hence it was that the ultimatum of the bolters was laid before the governor today: "Will you appoint Walter R. Henry, the man we have named, for judge?"

Yes. The provision in the bill to amend the charter of Newbern which passed the house last night, providing that the mayor and aldermen shall hold office four years and appoint the men named. The governor, the republicans and bolters say, "is trying to play the boss, but can't boss anybody and is a governor without a party unless it be the boss of the legislature."

The senate corporations committee this evening passed a bill to amend the bill to turn Fayetteville over to the tender mercies of a police board. A minority report will favor the bill.

Affairs in Crete.

Canea, Crete, February 24.—Fire was discovered at an early hour this morning in the governor's palace, a building constructed of wood, and in a very short time the structure, with all its contents, was burned to the ground. During the progress of the fire there was considerable excitement in the town, but there is reason to believe that the fire was not of incendiary origin, but was due to accident.

The foreign vice-consuls at Retimo announce that the Turks declare that they will evacuate the island of Crete to Greece. The announcement has caused a great sensation.

Vina, February 24.—Greece has been ordered by the powers to evacuate Crete at once. This action is the result of a demand made by the powers to the government of Russia requesting them to join them in a demand that the sultan authorize the powers to act jointly in the pacification of Crete and the organization of a system of autonomy for the island, retaining the integrity of the Turkish empire. The assent of the powers to this proposal having been obtained, the notice to Greece to evacuate followed.

Constantinople, February 24.—Dispatches have been received by the Turkish government, saying that 600 Greek troops, with three guns and a large supply of ammunition have been landed at Chersonesus, the province of Candia, island of Crete. The Greeks were directed by an insurgent leader.

The McKinley Inauguration Train.

Pittsburg, Pa., February 24.—The special train conveying President-elect McKinley and his guests from Canton to Washington, will be known as the "Pennsylvania Railroad Venetian Red," all the cars composing the special being finished in that tint with white and gold. The train will consist of a baggage car, one dinner car, two Pullman sleepers, the Arden and the Delphi, for the accommodation of the inaugural committee and special representatives of the press and special Pennsylvania railroad cars Nos. 295 and 296, which will be occupied by Major McKinley, his family and personal friends. The train will leave Canton Monday, March 1st, 8 o'clock p. m., and arrive in Washington at 1:15 p. m., in Harrisburg at 6:45 a. m., in Baltimore at 9:40 a. m., and in Washington at 11 a. m., March 2nd.

Charmes, Vermont, a Capital.

Atlanta, Ga., February 27.—Charles W. Joiner, formerly an employee of the city's sanitary department, has preferred charges against the head of the department, Thomas E. Veal, and is charging that Veal's buying and selling for the city was dishonest and that he used the city's supplies for his own personal stock. Joiner also says that Veal made purchases from him, or from friends, among other a woman.

COMING TO T R M S.

The Governor and Bolters Hold a Conference—Settling Their Differences as to Appointments—Huating, Up the Hyatt Alexander Fight.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., February 27.—It is asserted that while populist bolters have made up their lists of directors of institutions, yet Governor Russell will not, in all cases, appoint these selected, but will take some other populist satisfactory to the bolters. It is said this course meets with the bolters' approval. This is the real reason why the list of selections was not given out last night.

J. C. L. Harris, says tonight that Governor Russell and the bolting populist committee had a long conference today and that matters are in process of adjustment; that they are practically settled. So far as the directors of the penitentiary and asylums are concerned, and that the penitentiary bill will not be hung up much longer in the senate. Harris was present at the conference. He says the judgeship matter is no fixed yet; that Henry will hardly get the judgeship, but will be given something equally as good; that the Governor wishes to appoint Sutton judge.

Jim Young's bill to amend the charter of Raleigh is favorably reported by the committee, though Mayor Russ objected to it.

Senator Hyatt decided this morning not to rise to a question of personal privilege in the senate today regarding the trouble between Private Secretary Alexander and himself. Republicans are now trying to stop any further comment on the notable incident.

Hancock reported favorably in the house today the bill to increase the annual appropriation to the state guard to \$15,000; also a bill to give Charlotte a police commission. The latter bill is made a special order for Tuesday noon.

John B. Kenney, of Raleigh, is the author of the insurance deposit law introduced in the house today.

Hauser, of Lenoir, squelched Blackburn in the house today, Blackburn was making a speech declaring how much he loved local self-government. Hauser asked him why he voted for the bill to allow the governor to name Wilmington's aldermen. Blackburn was literally knocked out.

The Fruit Growers and Truckers.

The directors of the East Carolina Fruit Growers and Truckers' Association met at Wallace on Tuesday to discuss the question of the appointment of a shipping master and the establishment of a certain office in Wilmington.

The meeting was called to order by President W. L. Hill, of Wallace, and Mr. J. Henry Moore, of Burgaw, was elected secretary.

The roll of directors was called and the object of the meeting was fully explained by the chairman and Mr. J. S. Westbrook, of Faison. It was explained that it would be advantageous to employ a shipping master with a central office at Wilmington and that his duties be to superintend shipments from the various stations, to look after the collection of shipments, to keep posted on the markets and advise as to the distribution of shipments to the various markets.

The question was then thoroughly discussed, and on motion, it was decided to employ a shipping master and establish his office at Wilmington.

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Mr. McMillan, of Magnolia, spoke of a train on Saturday evenings for the benefit of the truckers along the Wilmington and Weldon railroad. On motion Messrs. W. L. Hill and G. W. Westbrook were appointed a committee to wait on the railroad authorities with a view to getting the Saturday evening trains put on during the shipping season for strawberries.

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OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

SIX MONTHS TERMS IN THE POW-ER OF THE PEOPLE.

The House Committee Considering the School System Bill Trustees of the State Normal School—The Legislature Not to Purchase the Portrait of Senator Vance. The "Stamp Act" Clause of the Revenue Bill Stricken Out—Legislators Approprating the Office.

Messenger Bureau, Park Hotel, Raleigh, N. C., February 27.

The state board of education recommends to the legislature the appointment of the following as trustees of the state Normal and Industrial school at Greensboro: J. A. Blair, Fifth district; A. S. Peace, Fourth district; E. A. Moyer, First district.

The price asked for the great painting of Senator Vance now on view in the capitol is \$2,500. Members of the legislature say it will not be purchased.

The fight between Senator Hyatt and Governor Russell's private secretary was an event second only in importance to the railway lease bill. It certainly created a sensation. There was talk at once of creating a committee to look into the matter.

There is much pleasure in the fact that the house finance committee's chairman has stricken from the "machinery act" the portion of a section making mortgages, notes, open accounts, etc., non-collectable unless they bear some evidence of having been annually listed for taxation.

The charter of the Jamesville and Washington railroad is revoked by the legislature.

W. E. White, who was defeated last night in the republican caucus in this vote for railway commissioner, by D. H. Abbott, has some strong supporters who express deep indignation at some of the proceedings. They charge unfairness in the bolting.

The populist bolters refused to give out the names of the men they chose last night as directors of state institutions. They said they were subject to change. Two years ago the populist and republican members of the legislature grabbed for nearly all the offices in sight and were held up to scorn. An effort made last night to get the bolters not to take any of the "pickings" themselves failed giving the bolter was angry because not enough got in. He did a great deal of plain talking during and after the caucus.

The eastern republicans, Hancock for instance, are violently angry at the declaration of Judge Ewart that the western republicans do not propose that the bills taking charge of the eastern cities and towns shall pass this senate.

The 400 students of the state Normal and Industrial school sent the following telegram to Dr. J. L. M. Curry: "To him who has generously supported and nobly fought for us we send glad tidings." The glad tidings were of the passage of the additional appropriation bill.

A bill has passed the legislature setting apart \$30,000 of the educational fund for stimulating local taxation for common schools, and now a bill is favorably reported giving \$100,000 more. The amount of allowance will be apportioned to each township, to be paid as soon as the people of that particular township, in any manner, raise the like sum. This plan really means six months public schools all over the state, if the people rise to the height of the situation.

Today was the forty-sixth of the legislative session, leaving fourteen working days yet remaining.

Raleigh comes to the front with the "infant prodigy"—a negro child which it is declared, has talked from its birth.

The house committee on education has now under consideration the general educational bill which was passed by the senate. The committee took up the bill today and considered it by sections. About half of the sections were considered and were passed upon favorably, with very slight amendments. The bill will be taken up again tomorrow at the evening sitting of the committee. The committee had before it yesterday President Holliday, of the white Agricultural and Mechanical college, and President Dudley, of the colored Agricultural and Mechanical college. These men appeared to discuss the bill which has been introduced to apportion to the colored Agricultural and Mechanical college a portion of the land script fund which, it is claimed, was intended for it by the law set aside this fund aside. No action was taken on this bill. Consideration of it was resumed today.

"DR. MILES,

Through His Nervine Is a Benefactor to Thousands."

A widely known Wisconsin publisher, who resides at Green Bay, writes March 6th, 1895, as follows:

"Five years ago I became so nervous that mental work was a burden. I could not rest at night on account of sleeplessness. My attention was called to Dr. Miles' Restorative Nervine, and I commenced to use it with the very best effect. Since then I have kept a bottle in my house and use it whenever my nerves become unstrung, with always the same good results. My son also takes it for nervousness with like never failing success. I have recommended it to many and it cures them. All who suffer from nervous troubles should try it. It is free from narcotics, perfectly harmless, and yet soothes and strengthens. Dr. Miles' Nervine is a benefactor to thousands."

A. C. LEHMANN, Editor and proprietor of THE LEADERSMAN.

Dr. Miles' Nervine is sold on guarantee. First bottle will refund money refunded.

FOR WAR WITH CUBA.

Bill Declaring War Introduced in the House—Senate Committee Considers Cuban Affairs Paramount to All Other Legislation—Question of Lee's Resignation—Congratulations to the Consul General.

Washington, February 25.—The senate committee on foreign relations held a special meeting this morning for the purpose of again considering the resolution reported yesterday, and the immediate release of Julio Sangulilly, an American citizen now confined in prison in Cuba. This meeting was forced by the attitude of the members of the committee on appropriations, who through Chairman Allison, gave notice yesterday afternoon that all business must give way to appropriation bills. The committee on foreign relations believes that the situation in Cuba fully warrants the action of the senate fully as much as it does the appropriation measures, especially in view of the treatment of Sangulilly and the repeated violations of the treaty rights of Americans in the island. The case was carefully discussed this morning and the committee reached the unanimous conclusion that the senate could afford to wait no longer for Spain to keep her promise made to Secretary Olney to